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### Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/899,329 First Named Applicant: J. Peter Johnsn  
 Examiner: K. Suchecki Art Unit: 2882 Status of Application: Non-Final Action

#### Tentative Participants:

(1) Davy E. Zonerach (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Date of Interview: 4/14/04 Proposed Time: 11:00 (AM/PM)

#### Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

### Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>1, 23</u>	<u>Logan et al., Nihei, U.S. Patent No. 5,621,841</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

#### Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

See Attached

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on 04/14/04.

#### NOTE:

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Davy Zonerach  
 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

K. Suchecki  
 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

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The prior art combinations cited by the Examiner do not teach or suggest the claimed loose tube optical fiber cable having, in relevant part, an 85% fill factor in a two inch duct and greater than 1000 optical fibers loosely contained in four or five tubes disposed around a central strength member. The prior art taught away from the claimed loose tube cable, i.e., buffer tubes disposed around a central strength member, to achieve a high fiber count while maintaining the claimed fill factor. See Logan article, of record and cited at page 2, paragraph 2 of specification, which suggests use of single tube and slotted core designs to achieve high fiber count.